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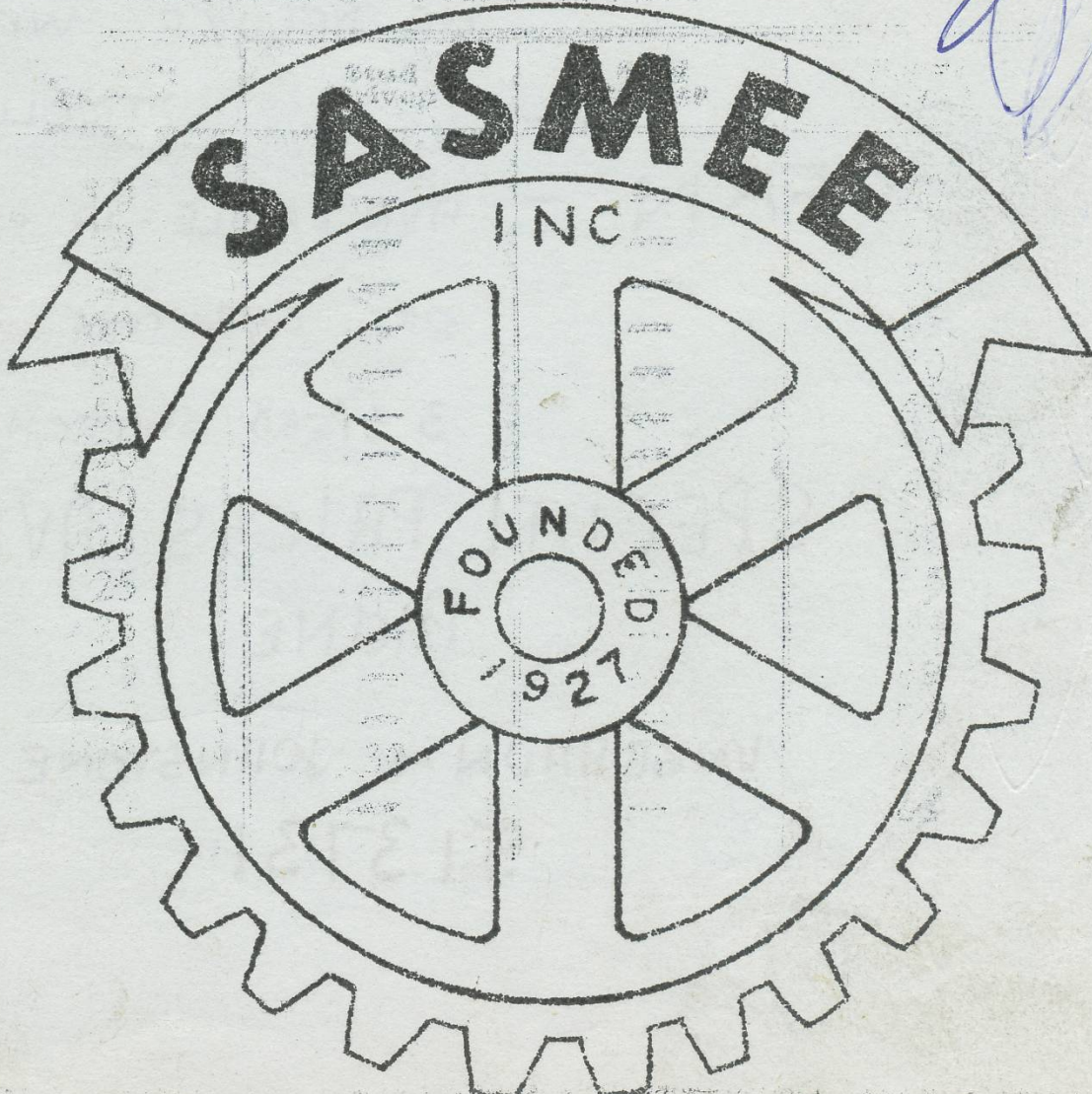
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EDITORIAL

By the time this Bulletin reaches you Christmas will be a fast fading memory. No doubt to those of you who travelled out of this State, new scenes and faces will linger for a considerable time, particularly for those fortunate members whose travels took them to where our hobby of modelling flourishes. I hear, via the grape vine, that one very enthusiastic member spent most of his time at the Castledare Miniature Railway in W.A. Perhaps at some future time we can induce him to speak on his experiences at this exciting place. However, for a great number of us Christmas was spent at home among our families, seeing the look of pleasure on the children's faces as they opened their presents and then enjoying the traditional Christmas dinner. Here in Australia, we are particularly fortunate as regards the weather which permits great out-door activity. To most of us the Season means a break from the daily grind of getting up and going to work for at least a few days. Perhaps the mothers and wives might not be in agreement with this view for I suppose that Christmas is their busiest time of the year with the extra shopping for presents and preparing the Christmas dinner etc. It is amazing to me how our womenfolk take all of this extra work in their stride and still manage to come up smiling. So when they occasionally grumble at us for spending too much time in the workshop and neglecting to cut the lawn and other not so interesting chores, perhaps they have a good case to present.

This year, 1972, could be quite a momentous one in the annals of SASMEE. With several important projects commenced and others suggested, our works programme could be of quite a considerable nature. With the 1973 Convention only 14 months away, the transfer of the steaming-up bay and the attendant turntable and network of bays and track necessary to handle perhaps 40 or 50 locos must receive close attention, while the rehabilitation of the track along the lane will make further calls on our work force. Then we have the proposals to lay down a ground level

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track, instal more toilets and erect a substantial building attached to the station and a stairway to gain access to the upper portion of the station. Each of these projects possess their own virtue and when completed will add greatly to our pleasure and convenience.

As mentioned before 1972 could well be a big step forward in our history as a progressive society.

Apart from these projects, we are committed to 2 benefit days during the year, not to mention our monthly track days, visits to various factories and other semi-social affairs, so no member can complain of boredom.

On behalf of S.A.S.M.E.E., I would like to thank all of our kindred Societies who reciprocated with greeting cards over the Christmas season and express our thanks for their good wishes.

In conclusion may I wish one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year and good steaming.

Clary Burden
Editor & Hon. Secretary

QUARTERLY AGENDA

GENERAL

MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday each month at 8 p.m.

14th MARCH: Claude Miller will speak on figs and fixtures and general workshop practice.

11th APRIL: Fred Hercus will describe the construction of a small lathe.

9th MAY: Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers

INTERMEDIATE MEETINGS:

(Informal) 4th Tuesday each month at 8 p.m.,
March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1st Tuesday each month at 8 p.m.
March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd.

WORKING BEES:

1st Saturday each month at 8 p.m.
March 7th, April 1st, May 6th.

PUBLIC FIELD DAYS:

3rd Saturday each month at 2 p.m.
March 18th, April 15th, May 20th.

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	11th	J. WAKEFIELD	<u>MAY</u>	6th	D. IRVING
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<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>
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COMING EVENTS:

Over the Easter period the 1972 Convention will be held at Wollongong N.S.W. Acceptance forms are available from your Secretary.

Saturday April 29th has been arranged to hold a Field Day to aid the Historical Society to raise funds to further their efforts in the preservation of S.A.R. engines. A good turnout of locos and boat boys is requested and also the steam house attendants.

S.A.S.M.E.E. NEWS:

Tom England hopes to have his 3½" Britannia running soon. We have missed seeing this fine example of British locos at our track days for some considerable time and we look forward to its regular appearance in the future.

The suggestion that the Minutes of the previous meeting be printed and that a copy of same be handed to each member for perusal at the current meeting has been adopted for a trial period.

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Bradford spent a week at Alice Springs where they inspected Ron Thompson's 7¼ gauge loco and track.

Several members spent the off Saturdays at the Park, having a nice quiet run during the holidays.

At the January Field Day a most unusual piece of loco machinery made its appearance. With its high chimney and large driving wheels at the rear end and cylinders set amidships plus a long small diameter boiler it gave one the impression of something from the cave-man era. However despite all of these unusual features it proved to be quite capable of hauling a reasonable load and to be fairly fast. Known as a British "Crampton" (Liverpool) these engines were built about 1840, but proved too heavy for the then existing tracks, although the design was very popular in France. Owing to poor weight distribution, a light hand on the regulator is necessary, otherwise wheel spin will occur. The builder of the model is your humble Secretary.

During a conversation with Claude Miller he told me that his S.A.R. S Class is nearing completion. Owing to Claude's heart trouble he is uncertain whether he will be running this engine on Field Days, but we hope that with his return to better health, we will have the pleasure one day of seeing this fine example of modelling in action.

Another engine which has recently made its appearance is Wayne Bradford's S.A.R. RX.

At a recent working party the column to support the turntable at its new site was concreted in and the preparatory work for the various bays was carried out. This type of steaming-up bay will, we all hope, considerably facilitate the handling of a large number of engines, particularly at Convention time.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

With pleasure we welcome to our Society the following new members :-

	<u>Main Interest</u>
Allan Richard Kennewell	-
Laurence Edward Fielder	Locos & Ships
Phillip Keith Besley	Steam & Locos
Adrian Robert Goldsworthy	Locos
Adrian B. Trytell	General

We trust that you will all join in our activities thereby making many new friends and enjoy the companionship which the Society offers - Good Steaming.

A recent visitor to S.A.S.M.E.E. was Murray Mitchell, an Honorary Member, now residing in Melbourne. Although his stay was brief quite a number of members were able to speak to him and hear of his experiences Interstate. He wished us a Happy New Year and hoped to see us all again at some future date.

OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Favoured with pleasant weather, Members and their families enjoyed themselves to the full. Several members of the Club's early days were present and no doubt many anecdotes of the struggles to put the Society on a sound footing were revived.

Proceedings commenced at about 10 a.m. and loco running was soon in full force. Luncheon per barbecue was later served and in the afternoon an official welcome by our President was given to our visitors. Among those present were the Mayer and Mayoress of Unley, Mr. Virgo M.P. & Mrs. Virgo, Mr. Langley M.P. & Mrs. Langley, Mr. Schaumloffel of the S.A. Railways, Mrs. Vic. Messer and Family and many others.

Afternoon tea was served in the Club House to our visitors and several photographs were taken by member Jim Thurmer.

Locos were of course run for most of the day and several visitors tried their hand at driving.

Representatives from kindred Clubs, Whyalla and Steam Locomotive Society of Victoria were present and were as follows -

S.L.S. of Vic. Ken Linkler, Colin Linkler, Neil Allen, Bill Newman, Ken Grills.

Whyalla: - Ron Draper, Lewis Draper, Tom Grey, Max Munchenberg, Neil Johns, Roger Purling, Graham Cugley, Bill Henry.

At about 5.30 p.m. barbecue tea took place and with the coming of night time goodbyes were said and we departed homewards. All agree that the occasion was a most happy and enjoyable one and we look forward to another get together such as this.

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At our November Field Day Channel 2 with a maze of Television equipment telecast a direct live show from the Park. It was shown in 2 segments each of about 25 minutes duration during the afternoon. Various drivers were interviewed by the compere and shots of the engines in action were shown. Later the boat pond and its adherents had their turn and also the Steam House attendants. A small television set enabled those present to see ourselves as others saw us. A few weeks later, at the Secretary's request, an invitation to visit the Channel 2 Studio was accepted by about 30 members and wives. There we were able to see the afternoons telecast re-enacted. I understand that the film will be shown at a Childrens Hour early this year during the afternoon, but at time of writing have not received any advice regarding the date.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BARBECUE:

Once again this popular annual get together of members and their families was held after the finish of our December Field Day. Many good wishes for the Christmas Season were exchanged and happy friendly groups occupied the area in front of the Club House.

Owing to daylight saving being in force no films were shown, but Uncle Al. entertained the children and grown ups with the antics of Archie. Owing to the proximity of Christmas Day with many other functions and parties the number attending was smaller than previous years. However everyone appeared to be enjoying the occasion and it was with regret that we said goodbye, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and departed for home.

I am indebted to Ralph Excell, now resident in New Zealand, for the following piece of philosophy.

ARE YOU ONE OF THESE?

Someone has said that membership in every organisation is made up of 4 kinds of bones.

1. There are the WISHBONES who spend all their time wishing somebody else would do the work.
2. There are the JAWBONES who do all the talking, but very little else.
3. There are the KNUCKLEBONES who knock everything that everybody else tries to do.
4. Finally, there are the BACKBONES, who get under the load and do the work.

The generous donation to the Society of a wig-wag signal and its attendant electrical gear by John Wakefield (purchased from S.A.R.) is worthy of recording. Its installation will give our track a very realistic touch and if the proposed G.L. track is laid down, should provide a warning to the public of an approaching train. Thank you John for your generous gesture.

A reminder to those attending the 1972 Convention at Wollongong to bring with them their current Boiler Certificate is not amiss at this stage, otherwise their engine will not be permitted to run on the Illawarra Live Steamers track.

News letters and bulletins from other Societies have been received and provide pleasant reading of our interstate fellow modellers activities.

The Diamond Valley Railway Newsletter, issue No.1, contains interesting notes on its early days and of how they overcame problems brought about by floodwaters.

Issue No.15 of Cinders and Soot from the Castledare Miniature Railway will require about a quarter of an hour to read and much longer to digest, but I can really recommend your attention to the various articles in it.

A copy is to hand of the Blue Mountains Society's Annual Report and newsletter. Mention is made of modification to the track and also a pithy comment regarding locos when a total fire ban is on.

The Otago Society of Dunedin New Zealand covers quite a number of interesting aspects of modelling in the "Connecting Rod". Another New Zealand Society, "The Nelson Society of Modellers Inc." presents in its Bulletin a wide variety of topics and makes good reading.

The "Eccentric", the Journal of the South Coast Society, issue No.2, contains details of their progress of work connected with their track. They also have plans for a 7¼" gauge setup.

From Moorabbin, the Big Wheel Newsletter of the Steam Locomotive Society of Victoria outlines a plan for the maintenance of their grounds. The area is divided into 8 sections and various members are delegated to a section. Each section will have a "leader" whose duty will be to organise his work force and carry out the allotted task.

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The Victorian Miniature Steam Locomotive Society sends the Seasons Greetings and mentions that 2 new Locos will shortly make their bow, with several other possibles in the near future.

As I have mentioned before these Newsletters are clipped on the notice board and members are invited to read them.

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